

Eisenhower Church of Christ

When the Pulpit Goes...

The Lord knew what He was doing when He chose the method, namely preaching. Castro took Cuba with the method and Hitler took Germany—it was the message they proclaimed that led to much devastating consequences. Preaching can and should be powerful, but the message preached is so important.

We have long believed that in the growth of a local congregation there can be no substitute for a strong, sound pulpit declaring the truth in love. After all, “it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe” (I Corinthians 1:21).

Of course we believe in a dynamic teaching program and a loving benevolent program for the poor, the homeless, and the down-trodden. And yet there can be no substitute for a pulpit that gives a clear sound for New Testament Christianity in its truth and simplicity....

When we hear from the pulpit strange language; When we see in the pulpit a soft, compromising attitude toward the plan of salvation, the worship and organization of the Church; When we hear a confused sound on the doctrine of faith and grace; When we have to ask if the preacher believes in the faith-only doctrine; When we hear language leading us to believe the preacher is teaching the direct operation of the Holy Spirit—via such expressions as “*God told me to pray at 1:30 a.m. this morning*” etc.; When the preaching becomes tainted with sticky humility, dripping in pity and “oozing” with self-righteousness; When we detect a disdain for the great restoration preachers who blazed the trail and made possible the fruitful New Testament churches we have today; When it takes several typewritten pages for the pulpit to explain what it meant by some questionable statement; And when it becomes more and more obvious that the preacher is really more comfortable with “Pentecostal” and other denominational preachers than with his own brethren, then we can expect it to be only a matter of time until the congregation goes digressive, the majority of elders accept mechanical instruments of music in worship, tongue speaking, and other sectarian doctrines.

Thank God a pulpit can be fresh, interesting, inspiring, positive, enthusiastic, loving, kind, and still be sound in its teaching, loyal and faithful to new Testament Christianity, and filled with the love of the truth, the love of our fellow man, and the love of God.

But when the pulpit goes (giving an uncertain ring), can the congregation be far behind? Let us support our elders of the local congregation in their effort to keep the pulpit sound and solid. A trickle of unsoundness can soon become a torrent and we can see a divided eldership, a confused membership, and a lost congregation.

To put the matter in perspective, we rejoice that thousands of Gospel preachers do “preach the word; contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints,” and are dedicated to restoring the New Testament church in name, doctrine, and practice free from the doctrines and commandments of men. In our lifetime we have been blessed to know many talented and faithful preachers who have proclaimed the Word and seen to it that their pulpit gave forth no uncertain sound.

Seven thousand have not yet bowed the knee to Baal and we must hold up their hands. If the congregation where you attend has a clear, helpful, sound pulpit, why not let the elders and preacher know how much you appreciate it.

—Ira North

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Dewayne McGhee and his family in the loss of his uncle, **Ronald Curd**. He had been under Hospice Care for two weeks. Ronald passed away on Saturday, October 7th from lung cancer. Please keep this family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Prayer Request

Bill Brown went to see his doctor last week because of a sinus infection.

Keep **John, Sonia and Jaqueleen Wood** in your prayers. They traveled to Dallas last week for John's checkup. Continue to pray that his treatments show to be working and that John will receive a good report from all his tests.

Concerns Update

Bill Butler received results from his liver biopsy and it came back cancerous. He had a doctor's appointment last week to schedule the necessary treatments to fight the cancer. Please keep Bill in your daily prayers that he will be able to win this battle.

Larry May was able to go home on Saturday, October 7th. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Russ Montgomery (Devida's brother) was released from the hospital Thursday, October 5th. He was prescribed medication to help strengthen his heart muscle. He needs prayers.

Prayer List

Tom Bauer; Lee Roy Bell, Jane Burroughs; Bill Butler; Harold Carrigan; David Castor; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Charlene Harris; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Alana May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Russel Rosser; Elvia Ruckman; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; James Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

What does frankincense come from?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Saul asked the Witch of Endor to bring up Samuel.

Events

Watch *“In Search of the Lord’s Way”* every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the *“Speaking the Truth in Love”* program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Thank You

There have been so many prayers and encouraging words and I really enjoy all the attention I’m getting and please don’t stop.

I love all of you,
Bill Butler

Baby Shower...

A *“Baby Shower”* is planned for Larriat & Dewayne McGhee next Saturday, October 21st at 5:30 p.m. at Jeff & Holly Wesson’s home. Larriat is registered at Target, Walmart, and Amazon. Everyone is invited.

Office News

There is a *“Family Devotional”* at Jacob and Ashley Carson’s home this evening following our services. Please bring a soup of your choice and rolls. Drinks are provided.

Elizabeth Armendarez has 10 additional children’s names from the **NMCCH** for the Holiday Season this year. Please see her to pick a name if you would like to bring happiness to a child.

Sing and Be Happy

A young boy complained to his father that most of the church hymns were boring to him—too far behind the times, boring tunes, meaningless words. His father put an end to the discussion when he said, “If you think you can write better hymns, then why don’t you?”

The boy went to his room and wrote his first hymn. This was in 1690; the teenager’s name was Isaac Watts. “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” and “Joy to the World” are among the almost 300 hymns written by him.

Feeling bored? Do something great! Let the world remember you for over 300 years.

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Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
Rudy Ochoa
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Jacob Carson
Bill Tolbert
John Wood

P.M.

Larry May
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Bill Brown
Josh Wells
Trinidad Wood

Lord's Supper

West...

Richard Siler
Craig Wesson
Josh Weakland

Tony Marrs
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Scot Straw
Cody Wesson
Tommy Garcia

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990; *Deacon*: Bill Ryan 272-5507; *Pulpit*: George Warren 557-2171; *Table*: Tony Marrs 553-7349; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"Savior's Invitation"
(Matthew 11:28-30)

Sunday PM

Why I Am A Member" (Pt 2)
(1 Peter 3:15)

Our Records

Bible Class... 82
Morning Worship...125
Evening Worship...57
Wednesday...81
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